

Amendments to the Drawings:

Please insert new FIGS. 1A-1G that appear on the attached NEW SHEETS. Please also replace originally-filed FIGS. 1 and 2 with new FIGS. 2A and 2B that appear on the attached REPLACEMENT SHEET.

REMARKS

A. Examiner Interview Summary

Applicants thank Examiner Do for speaking to their representative, Mark Garrett, on November 30, 2007 about the three issues Examiner Do noted in his December 3, 2007 interview summary. Applicants asked whether the dependency of claim 26 (one of the would-be allowable claims) could be changed from claim 1 to claim 24, to correct an inadvertent error, without necessitating a new search, and Examiner Do indicated it could. Applicants also asked why references C3, C4, and C8-C10 had been crossed off the Form-1449 Applicants submitted. Examiner Do explained that he had not received those references and that they would be considered when received; Applicants agreed to re-submit them, but pointed out that they had already been filed (as evidenced by the postcard mailed with them). Finally, Applicants asked about the status of the originally-filed petition to accept color images under Rule 84. Examiner Do indicated that Applicants could inquire with the petitions office or the Office's draftsman; Applicants looked into the issue further and informed Examiner Do that the MPEP specified that Supervisory Examiners acted on such petitions, according to section 1002.02(d)(9) (p. 1000-9), and Examiner Do indicated there would be time to take care of that issue before prosecution concluded.

B. The Unconsidered References Have Been Re-Submitted

References C3, C4, C8, C9, and C10 are crossed out on the Form-1449 as not considered. As explained above, Examiner Do indicated he would consider these references when they were resubmitted. As shown on the attached postcard copy, these references were filed on Feb. 7, 2006, and as explained in the concurrently-filed Information Disclosure Statement (copy enclosed), these references were among those filed in color: "References C2, C3, C4, C8, C9 and

C10 are filed in color. The Examiner is encouraged to consult the originals if the scanned versions are not in color or otherwise clear.” Page 2 of Feb. 7, 2006 IDS.

Color copies of these references are being submitted again (the font and/or orientation of the “C” label may have changed on these references from the respective originally-filed copies). Applicants request that entries for C4, C5, and C8-C10 on the Form-1449 be initialed once these previously-filed references have been submitted.

C. The Drawings Objection Has Been Overcome

New FIGS. 1A-1G have been added to further illustrate the subject matter of the allowable claims, which have been rewritten in independent form. Support for the new drawings appears throughout the originally-filed specification and claims. In addition, text has been added to the specification that corresponds to the new figures. Originally-filed FIGS. 1 and 2 have been renumbered as FIGS. 2A and 2B, and the corresponding text in the specification has also been changed.

Applicants submit that the objection to the drawings has been overcome and should be withdrawn.

D. The Pending Claims Are Allowable

In an effort to expedite allowance of this application, and without acquiescing to the Office’s position about the teachings of the cited references, the rejected claims have been cancelled without prejudice to pursuing them in a subsequent continuing application and claims 4, 10, 16, 17, 26, and 27 have been rewritten in independent form. The first instance of the word “data” has also been removed from claim 4. Accordingly, the pending claims are now in condition for allowance.

E. Conclusion

Applicants submit that this application is now in condition for allowance. Should Examiner Do have any questions, comments, or suggestions relating to this application, he is invited to contact Applicants' attorney at (512) 536-3031.

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